

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original): A printing unit having

- at least one replaceable roll mandrel (5) of a printing roll or anilox roll, which (5) may be mounted on one end,
- a coupling device (7), which receives a typically front-side coupling point (16) of the roll mandrel (5) on its (7) receiving point (13) and transmits the torque required for rotating the roll mandrel (5) thereto (5),
- the coupling device (7) and the roll mandrel (5) being implemented in such a way that the coupling point (16) of the roll mandrel (5) may be brought to the receiving point of the coupling device (7) through an axial movement (A) of the roll mandrel (5), characterized in that either the roll mandrel (5), at its coupling point (16), or the receiving point (13) of the coupling device (7) tapers in the axial direction of the roll mantle (5).

Claim 2 (original): Printing unit according to claim 1 characterized in that

either the roller mandrel (5) at its coupling location (16) or the receiving location (13) of the coupling device (7) tapers conically in the axial direction of the roller mandrel (5).

Claim 3 (currently amended): Printing unit according to claim 1 ~~or~~  
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characterized in that

the coupling location (16) of the roller mandrel (5) tapers and is located at one end of the roller mandrel (5).

Claim 4 (currently amended): Printing unit according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1

characterized in that  
the coupling device (7), which occupies the coupling location (16)  
of the roller mandrel at the receiving location (13) of the  
coupling device (7) clasps a bearing journal (6) with a fastener  
(17) that (17) engages in the radial direction centrally at the end  
of the roller mandrel (5).

Claim 5 (new): Printing unit according to claim 2  
characterized in that  
the coupling location (16) of the roller mandrel (5) tapers and is  
located at one end of the roller mandrel (5).

Claim 6 (new): Printing unit according to claim 2  
characterized in that  
the coupling device (7), which occupies the coupling location (16)  
of the roller mandrel at the receiving location (13) of the  
coupling device (7) clasps a bearing journal (6) with a fastener  
(17) that (17) engages in the radial direction centrally at the end  
of the roller mandrel (5).

Claim 7 (new): Printing unit according to claim 3  
characterized in that  
the coupling device (7), which occupies the coupling location (16)  
of the roller mandrel at the receiving location (13) of the  
coupling device (7) clasps a bearing journal (6) with a fastener  
(17) that (17) engages in the radial direction centrally at the end  
of the roller mandrel (5).